

**Young Chickens Slaughtered under Federal Inspection,
Classified by Weight, weekending: April 15, 2000**

Markets were generally steady. Demand ranged light to good, best where promotions were either planned or in progress. Offerings were sufficient for trade needs. Parts interest was light on bone-in breast and wings. Fair to good on the balance of items. Weights were mostly desirable.

	FOOD SERVICE/			
	<u>FAST FOOD</u>	<u>RETAIL</u>	<u>DEBONING</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Weight Range	4.20 & Down	4.21 – 5.25	5.26 & Up	---
Total (000)	30,201	26,507	43,818	100,526
Percentage	30%	26%	44%	100%

Fast Food and Food Service Sizes

<u>Live Weight</u>	<u>RTC WOG Weight</u>	<u>No. of Head (000)</u>	<u>Percentage of Total Slaughter</u>
3.60 lbs. & Lighter	Under 2 lbs., 8 oz.	3,889	3.88
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2 lbs., 8 oz. - 2 lbs., 10 oz.	7,958	7.92
3.81 - 4.00 lbs.	2 lbs., 10 oz. - 2 lbs., 12 oz.	10,951	10.89
4.01 - 4.20 lbs.	2 lbs., 12 oz. - 2 lbs., 14 oz.	<u>7,393</u>	<u>7.35</u>
		30,201	30.04%

BROILER EGGS SET/CHICKS PLACED IN 15 STATES COMPARED WITH U.S. BROILER SLAUGHTER

Slaughter Week	Egg Sets		Chicks Placed		Eggs Set 10 Weeks Previous		Chicks Placed 7 Weeks Previous		Prelim. Fed. Insp. Million head Slaughtered	
	(000)	%*	(000)	%*	(000)	%*	(000)	%*	(000)	%**
Mar 04	183,772	100	141,127	98	180,335	100	144,745	102	154,916	102
Mar 11	184,647	101	142,524	97	181,595	102	145,179	102	155,100	100
Mar 18	184,064	101	147,949	101	181,901	102	145,644	103	148,354	96
Mar 25	183,658	100	147,468	101	180,679	102	144,326	103	155,206	105
Apr 01	184,506	101	149,943	103	181,734	103	145,858	104	156,244	101
Apr 08	186,869	102	147,258	103	179,169	101	143,311	101	153,585	98
Apr 15	186,921	102	148,220	102	178,533	100	141,374	99	154,848	101
Apr 22	186,410	102	147,771	102	178,059	99	141,126	98	146,562	95

Data in bold are subject to revision *Percent of previous year **Percent change from previous week

Whole Broiler/Fryers (cents/lb.)

Week of 05/01/00

	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Previous Week</u>	<u>Year Ago</u>
New York Grade A Ice-packed	53.65	53.94	50.25
Chicago Grade A Ice-packed	46.06	46.69	53.53
Los Angeles Grade A Ice-packed	61.17	61.39	62.80
12-City Composite Weighted Avg.	55.19	55.89	58.43
Georgia Dock FOB Final Weighted Avg.	56.30	56.13	57.42
Southern States FOB Whole Body 5 day Avg. Index	34.90	37.35	46.11

Broiler/Fryer Parts (cents/lb.)

Weekly Weighted Average

	<u>Northeast (Delivered) 04/28/00</u>	<u>Southern States (FOB) 04/28/00</u>	<u>Georgia (FOB) 05/01/00</u>
Breast - B/S	138.00	132.36	136.00
Tenderloins	146.30	153.46	---
Breast - Line Run	57.42	69.00	71.50 (Whole)
Leg Quarters	20.33	16.10	18.50
Wings	59.39	53.60	51.00

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